



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have celebrated our nation's 247th birthday with our Fourth of July parade and festival! I want to thank the volunteers and city staff who put so much hard work into making these events fun for the entire community.

As many of you have heard, the city is considering several bond proposals for the November 2023 ballot to fund various infrastructure needs. These range from street replacements, water and sewer line replacements, park upgrades and a new city swimming pool. Information on the proposals can be found on the city website (look for the large red square labeled "2023 Bond Referendum"). We're seeking citizen feedback on the proposals prior to the city council voting on placing them on the ballot. Please fill out the survey found on the bond referendum page.

As I have made clear in the 6+ years I have served you on city council, I believe debt should only be used when it is clear that it's necessary to push needed projects forward. While I have advocated for "pay as you go" solutions instead of debt, we have also experienced inflation that has not been seen in the U.S. in over 40 years. Under the circumstances, debt makes the most sense to ensure we're able quickly get these projects underway and avoid potentially greater costs that would come by waiting.

The city council will hold its annual budget work session on Friday, July 14th starting at 8:00am at the Jersey Village Civic Center. This is the time where we go line by line through the proposed budget. If you're able to make it to this work session, I highly recommend coming to see the budget process in person. If you can't make it, the proposed budget is already posted on the city website (from the main page go to the Financial Transparency section).

I encourage anyone with questions about the proposed bond referendum, the proposed budget, or any issue of concern in our city to reach out to me anytime by e-mail at bwarren@jerseyvillagetx.com or on my cell phone at 713-515-2958.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor